

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 5,937,095 granted on August 10, 1999 and for which a Reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING MOVING PICTURE SIGNALS

the specification of which:

☒ was filed on September 16, 2003 and was accorded U.S. Serial No. 10/662,949.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware and which is material to the examination of the patent application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below:

- ☒ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had a right to claim in the patent.
☒ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which this reissue is based is described as follows:

An error in the original claims was the failure to present claims directed solely towards a method of just decoding digital motion picture signals and specifically wherein an encoded bitstream was decoded. The original patent claims were directed to a method of encoding digital motion picture signals of a frame (original claims 1-5) or a method of decoding and encoding digital motion picture signals of a frame (original claims 6-16), but not a method of just decoding. This error is corrected via the submission of new claims 19-21 in this reissue application relating to a method decoding an encoded bitstream.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicant.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or (f), or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or an PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

NUMBER	COUNTRY	FILING DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED?
7-014514	JAPAN	January 31, 1995	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS (Patented, Pending, Granted)
09/925,423	August 10, 2001	Granted as RE38,726

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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